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Sifton Will Contest Macleod

The Tories Are Charged With Gross Abuses in Pincher Creek and Macleod Constituencies

Macleod, June 30.—Perhaps the most sensational election contest ever tried in Alberta may materialize from protests filed here today in behalf of the defeated candidate for Macleod, and Pincher Creek constituencies in the recent provincial election.

The petition in behalf of Premier Sifton, who was defeated by Robt. Patterson in Macleod constituency, was filed by W. H. McDougall, and that in behalf of A. N. Monat of Pincher Creek by Frank Rubin. Both petitions allege all the usual irregularities, and on the face of them reveal nothing of the sensational order, but it is current talk that when the hearing of the protest comes on the Macleod case will furnish some decidedly sensational disclosures.

It is a well-known fact that a certain wealthy citizen of Macleod one of the most prominent men of the southern part of the province, who has always been very prominent in the affairs of the Liberal party, and who was first to suggest that Premier Sifton be asked to stand for Macleod, turned over in the middle of the campaign, and threw all his support to Patterson, sufficient, it is claimed, to insure the election of the Conservative candidate.

Edmonton, July 4.—The petition which has been lodged by Short, Woods, Biggar and Collison, on behalf of Mr. Crowe, outlines several irregularities which are alleged to have taken place during polling hours.

Allegations of bribery, personation and intimidation are made against Conrad Weidenhammer, sitting member for Stony Plain, in a petition lodged with the clerk of the supreme court today asking that the court declare Mr. Weidenhammer's election in April last null and void. John Patrick Crowe, chemist, Stony Plain, and an elector in the division, is the petitioner.

Calgary, July 9.—Another election protest has been lodged, this time in Innisfail, where F. Archer, the Conservative candidate, was returned by a majority of eight votes, one of the smallest at the elections, on April 17. John A. Sumpson was the defeated candidate and had represented the district for many years in the Liberal interests. He was the father of the legislature and was at one time member of the North West Territories legislature. The usual charges are made in the protest, which will not be heard for some time yet.

Wilson & Mortimer have just been appointed district agents for the Detroit Boat Co. for the district of Lacombe. The Detroit Boat Co. make the highest grade of motor boats and power canoes.

Local Jottings

D. C. Gourlay returned from Castor yesterday.

C. B. Eggen returned from Calgary today by auto.

Miss Alice Rauder of San Francisco is in town on a Summer vacation.

H. Brooks and family, of Rimby, are now located at Brownlow's Landing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rutherford have moved into their cottage at Brownlow's Landing.

For the choicest candies, made in Lacombe, go to the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Slater spent last Sunday with friends at Rochon Sands, Buffalo Lake.

Will Burris is back from a two weeks' stay in Calgary, where Mrs. Burris is undergoing treatment in the hospital.

Mr. Nesbitt, an Edmonton contractor, and family have taken quarters at Brownlow's Landing for the summer.

W. H. Pringle, J. R. Williamson and G. W. Pringle, of Medicine Hat were in Lacombe today on their way to the Lake.

Wm. McKenzie, on the Edmonton Trail has one of the finest crops of wheat for this time of year the wheat has ever seen.

H. C. Boland, one of the old timers of this district, but now residing in Ontario, is shaking hands with old friends here this week.

The Royal Bank is this week beginning work on their splendid new bank building on the corner of Barnett avenue and Nanton street.

P. N. Woodridge, district organizer of the U.F.A. passed through town today on his way to Gull Lake where, he will address the members of the U.F.A. at their picnic.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson, Miss Gwen Patterson, Miss Ida Jackson, and D. R. Sharpe passed through Lacombe on Wednesday on their way to the Lake.

W. R. Winslow has begun excavation for the new office building for Stanley & Winslow, produce dealers. The building will be of brick, thirty by fifty feet, on concrete foundation.

At two o'clock this afternoon it was impossible to secure a conveyance of any kind. Motor cars, democrats, buggies and vehicles of every description had all been engaged to go to the Lake.

Fred Lippert, of Okadale, Wash. came to Lacombe yesterday. Mr. Lippert is one of the largest farmers from that district and has been looking over the farm of Walter Scott with a view to make a purchase.

The Leading Store's big clearing sale has set a new mark for merchandise sales in Lacombe. The store has been daily crowded with discriminating purchasers who know that unparalleled bargains are being offered.

In this year of tight money, when nearly all western towns are standing still, Lacombe is making the best growth in its history. Several fine brick business blocks are under construction, and numerous residences as well.

After an absence of two months, W. L. Mansfield, traveling circulation manager for the Pacific Press Publishing Co., in Western Canada, returned home last Sunday to indulge in a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Mansfield has been through Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

A. J. Skelley purchased a valuable lot in Promdale subdivision, Edmonton. Mr. Skelley expects to erect a residence on this lot at once as he has taken a position with the Edmonton Street Railway, in the car sheds, which is situated near the property he has purchased.

At the Calgary fair last week Lacombe pure bred stock made a splendid showing. W. E. Teas stock was awarded twenty first prizes, ten seconds, one third, one fifth, three championships, and two reserve championships. R. M. Gibson's two and three year old heavy draft horses each secured a first prize.

Cyclonic Storm at Clive

Clive, July 8.—No persons were hurt in the cyclone that passed over Clive on Friday last, though many watching it expected to be. It came up from the southwest in the afternoon traveling in a northeasterly direction, a great funnel shaped slow moving cloud, with a swirling serpent-like tail that swooped down every now and again then joined the body again, a hail storm traveled along side, a little to the north of it. Ray Harris was watching the cloud, his place is about two miles north, expecting his neighbor's place to be struck and in a second as it seemed it was upon his own house lifting up the roof, tearing out a log from the side of the house built of logs, then dropping the roof on again.

The water in a slough near was scooped out and flung to a distance. Big trees near the creek were torn up by the roots and others smashed off. The cyclone traveled on to the northeast but inquiries have elicited no news of damage further on. Hail as large as eggs smashed windows, killed chickens, tore up garden stuff, damaged the crops. One farmer estimated his loss in grain crop at 75 per cent. Cyclone and hail storm cut a swath about three rods wide.

All crops in the track are damaged and hail insurance claims are rolling in. This is the first storm here with the cyclone cloud formation that any of the oldest inhabitants has ever seen.

Post card views of the Lake and of Lacombe are on sale at Thistle Inn.

Miss Bertha O'Brien and O. W. Barnes of Edmonton, are stopping at Thistle Inn.

Among those registered at the Lake, the past few days, are: Mrs. R. Christie and family, Edmonton; Dick MacDonald and Mrs. Robert MacDonald, Edmonton; L. Roberts, Calgary; E. G. Grant and family, Didsbury; Chas. E. Fennell, Calgary; Muriel and Agnes Wilson, and Harry J. Wilson, Edmonton; Agnes Watts and Irma Blackett, Edmonton.

The Annual Meeting of the village will be held at Lake View hotel on Saturday evening next, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating councillors for the ensuing year; all ratepayers are requested to be present.

Senator Peter Talbot, one of the veteran Liberal war-horses of the

province, made the above prediction yesterday afternoon during a visit to the city. Since the house adjourned Senator Talbot has been at his Lacombe farm, and was in Calgary on a business visit. According to the veteran politician, the prospects for a good political fight in the fall are exceptionally bright, and, as usual with Senator Talbot, the Liberal cause will again prevail.

"I don't think there there can be any doubt about it," he said, "but all we can do is to sit back and wait. I don't like to make any big predictions thus early in the game, but we will be in the fight when it does come, and in it for all we are worth."

Then Senator Talbot decided that he had talked enough politics, and switched to farms and farming and the crop outlook.

"In the Lacombe district we will have one of the best seasons we have ever enjoyed," he said. "All along the line the crops are in splendid shape, and farmers are looking forward to a bountiful harvest. I think this can be said of practically every district of the west. I have not heard a single complaint, and I have talked with farmers and merchants from all over Alberta in the last few weeks."

Gull Lake Items

The Beach is assuming quite a lively appearance these days, and the cottages are getting pretty well filled up, although many are still coming.

The boy scouts from Lacombe, Rimby and Bentley camps are camped at the Meridian, on the West side, and apparently having a good time.

The Lake View hotel opened on Saturday, a dance being held in the evening.

H. M. Trimble's new cottages are nearing completion with Mr. Trimble and L. Ritz in charge of the work. One is already occupied and Mr. Trimble says that he wants to move into the other one this week.

R. Scott expects to erect a cottage for himself at once, and says that it must be a good one.

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Editorial Notes

The brimstone had not ceased to smoke in the criticisms the mugwump element of the local Tories have been making against our Liberal member of the provincial parliament for his alleged failure to procure a larger amount of government aid for the roads of this district, when they right about face and criticise him just as venomously for securing any aid at all for our roads. All through the campaign these mugwumps lambasted the Liberal candidate without stint because, they alleged, he had not secured sufficient government aid for our roads; but now, all of a sudden, they claim to have discovered that a member of parliament has no right whatever to open his face to the government about anything his district needs. They say it is contrary to the "constitution," etc.; that the only persons who can lawfully use their influence to secure government aid for roads are mugwump members of a town board of trade or some similar body. Really these mugwumps would give one a pain were it not that they make themselves so utterly ridiculous.

The Guardian is informed that lineal descendants of Ananias the Great, whose time must have been hanging heavy on their hands of late, are industriously circulating a tale to the effect that this paper is owned in large part by certain infamous Tories. We are at a loss to understand what they hope to gain by such procedure. The friends of the paper know that there is no foundation whatever for the tale, and it makes very little difference to us what our enemies may choose to think.

Several protests have been filed in the recent provincial elections, on the grounds that crooked election methods were used. If the half that is charged is true, it is high time that election crookedness should be exposed in the courts.

The Winnipeg Free Press predicts another session of parliament, a straight announcement of the policy of Downing Street centralization, and an election next summer. The Albertan is no prophet, but it doubts the prediction of its Winnipeg contemporary. The government will not go to the country as long as it has any chance of getting control of the senate before the close of the term of the present parliament by the effluxion of time, and the reason for that is that the government wishes a redistribution bill such as delights the heart of Robert Rogers, without any Liberal senate musing it up. As soon the government finds that it cannot get hold of the senate by 1916, it may bring on an election.—Calgary Albertan.

BIRTHS

Wilson.—At Lacombe, on Monday, June 30, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, a son.

Rimby.—At Rimby, on Sunday, June 29, to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Rimby, a son.

Clive Entertainment a Success

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church played to a full house on Monday evening. The play was a skit on a Ladies' Aid business meeting and the audience laughed about all the time.

Miss Evelyn Northcott acted as orchestra before the curtain went up and gave some first class piano-forte numbers in finished style. Proceedings opened with a piano-forte duet by Miss Evelyn Northcott and Miss Cooper. The play was well acted by about 24 people, the scene being laid in a lady's drawing room. Mrs. Douglas Wilson filled the part of the hostess charmingly. Mrs. B. F. Allison as the president, Miss Esther Allison as the touchy secretary, Mrs. Rainey as the heavy individual quoting her husband all the time, Mrs. Northcott in riding habit and silk topper, as an energetic suffragette, Mrs. J. T. Reynolds and Miss Carroll as languid superior ladies from Boston, all contributed to the fun; in fact all the players were in action all the time. Miss Esther Allison made quite a hit on being asked to sing, selecting "O Promise Me," of which she sang a few bars and then was seized with a coughing fit, which she blamed on her vocal organs. Mrs. Will Allison was delicious as the anxious young mother who had left her baby at home and was receiving all sorts of funny advice in case the baby had fits, at the conclusion of which the Ladies' Aid departed amid hearty applause, and the hostess received the artists who provided the concert program.

The numbers included a piano-forte duet by Miss Evelyn Northcott and Miss Cooper, a well rendered vocal duet by the Misses Eva and Pearl Reynolds, a delicious little song by Mrs. Douglas Wilson—Dekoven's Rosalie; humorous recitation by Mrs. Northcott and Mrs. Baker, songs of the humorous variety by Mr. Kenney of Lacombe, a song with quartette refrain by Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, the Misses Reynolds and Miss Allison, and a corney-grain sort of monologue by Mr. Ainsworth. God Save the King, sung with enthusiasm, brought the evening to a close. The amount realized about \$60 net, goes to the church funds.

Lavesta

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport spent a pleasant week visiting their former neighbors.

Mr. Caplin and crew did a much needed piece of work on the road by the school.

School will open this month and the first instalment of the debtors falls due. Now ratepayers, let us have more taxes paid as we don't want to pay interest to the bank when it can be avoided.

J. D. Skinner, editor of The Guide, Mountain House, is in town today on his way to points on the east line.

BORDEN IS PREPARED TO BRIBE

Not long ago, Sir Wilfrid Laurier quoted a witty French writer against Premier Borden and his party.

"Since I am their leader, I must follow them." Never has a better example of the truth of this aphorism been given by Mr. Borden than in his wabbling and deceptive course regarding the government's attitude towards the Farmers Bank losers.

During the election campaign of 1911, Mr. T. W. Crothers, as a probable minister in any Conservative government, repeatedly promised the electors that if the Conservative party came into power, he would see to it that those who lost money in the Farmers Bank should be reimbursed. He did not hide himself behind vague phrases such as "reasonable relief." He declared openly that they should be reimbursed, and in this he was followed by nearly a score of the lesser lights throughout Ontario, wherever such promises would win votes.

These promises won election for Mr. Crothers and a number of other Conservatives. Naturally, when the Conservative government was formed, the victims of the Farmers Bank looked to be speedily "reimbursed".

Every opportunity was given Mr. Borden to announce himself. His first parliament was scarcely a week old before Hon. Mr. Murphy asked whether these promises scattered by Mr. Crothers and the rest, were to be implemented. Mr. Borden dodged the question. Hon. Mr. White flatly answered Hon. Mr. Lemieux that no such promises had been made by any member of Mr. Borden's government during the election campaign.

On December 4, 1911, Hon. Mr. Murphy drew from Mr. Borden the direct statement — "No such promise was made by the Minister of Labour, and the government has no information as to promises made by other government supporters."

Hon. Mr. Murphy retorted by quoting from a number of speeches in which Mr. Crothers had used almost the same words each time. "Some people say that the depositors only should have their losses made good, but I hold that others are in the same position as the depositors. . . . We intend to see that every man who lost shall be recompensed."

Mr. Borden dodged this on a technicality. On February 19, 1912, Hon. Mr. Murphy finally cornered Mr. Borden, so that he had to reply, then Mr. Borden said:

"Respecting the matter referred to, Mr. Crothers on the occasion referred to, expressed his personal views only and did not undertake to speak for the Conservative party or for its leader, or for the present administration which had not then been formed."

The matter drifted along. An investigation into the bank failure was held and systematic attempts were made by the Tories to maintain that the whole trouble was caused by the Liberal Government improperly granting the Farmers Bank charter.

In his report on the failure, Sir William Meredith after a prolonged

investigation said: "The evidence satisfied me that if the Farmers Bank had been prudently and honestly managed there is no reason why it should not have succeeded."

On May 8, last, a strong deputation of Farmers Bank losers demanded that Hon. Mr. Crothers' promises be implemented, presenting the claim, so agreeable to Mr. Borden, that the Liberal Government was responsible for the whole affair because it issued the charter. . . . this in face of Sir Wm. Meredith's express finding that the charter was properly issued.

A continual underground campaign was engineered to force Mr. Borden's hand, although this was strongly resented by many leading journals, including the Montreal Gazette, the Conservative organ for the Quebec province, it taking the ground that the government had no more right to aid unfortunate bank investors, than it had those who had lost in a grocery or other business.

In the end, Hon. Mr. Crothers and his colleagues proved too strong for Mr. Borden. On the very last day of parliament, he made a careful announcement. With typical hypocrisy he avoided expressly blaming the late government, but so worded himself as to convey the impression that the loss was due to the action of the Liberal government in issuing the bank's charter, and concluded, "Having regard to this consideration, the government consider that the depositors are entitled to a reasonable measure of relief, which will be provided by legislation to be introduced next session." Mr. Borden, however, was careful to add this must not be regarded as a precedent to any other sufferers from bank losses.

That is to say, Mr. Borden at first refused to grant this extraordinary aid to people who had lost in an ordinary business venture. He repudiated the promises of the Minister of Labor and other followers in the House. Then he gave way and came down to the level of the ward politician who is prepared to offer bribes for votes. Either the granting of this money is right in principle, in which case Mr. Crothers should have been supported by the Premier and the cabinet at the outset, and the sufferers re-imburced long before this, or it is wrong, in principle, in which case yielding under compulsion only adds to the gravity of the Premier's offence. If it cannot be defended in principle, the Premier's promise amounts to nothing more than the use of public funds, by the public's chief trustee as a means of obtaining votes. To what length are Mr. Borden and his followers not prepared to go for the sake of office?

GOVERNMENT REFUSED HIGHWAYS AID

During the past week or two every Conservative paper in the country has been trying to make it appear that the Opposition, with the aid of the Senate, defeated the Highways Aid Bill, and thus prevented the expenditure of this money among the provinces. Exactly the opposite is the case. The Opposition refused to approve of the Highway Aid bill, and the Senate refused to pass it without amendment to bring it in accord with the constitution and to provide for proper distribution of the money according to population. The Government then refused to

accept these amendments, just as they did a year before, and killed the bill.

But on June 5, the day before Parliament prorogued, estimates were presented providing for the payment, under the Canada Highways Act, of \$1,500,000 for the construction and improvement of highways, the amount being divided among the various provinces.

This of course was a more bluff on the government's part, because since the Act had been dropped by them rather than submit to amendment any appropriation under it would be void.

A move was at once made by the Liberal Opposition to give the provinces the benefit of this distribution even though the Highways Aid Bill were dropped by the Government.

Mr. Carvell pointed out that this money was badly needed by the provinces and that they should be given it, even though for the present the Bill had not passed. He therefore suggested that for this year Hon. Mr. Cochrane might vary the vote so as to make it an ordinary subsidy. This he pointed out would not commit the government to anything beyond the present vote, so that next year, if they brought down the proper legislation, the people might get the full benefit of the principle, which was thoroughly approved of.

This appeal was promptly rejected by Hon. Mr. Cochrane. The Minister of Railways took a strong stand for federal control of the money to be voted, declaring that much of the money now spent by the provinces was wasted, while much better work could be done by the Dominion Government. All he could suggest was that the Senate abandon its principles rather than let the vote go.

Mr. Carvell regretted this partisan stand adopted by Hon. Mr. Cochrane, and moved that the vote be amended so as to read:

"To provide for the payment of the following subsidies to the several provinces of Canada for the construction or improvement of highways, or for both such purposes, that is to say on \$1,500,000, including the amounts as apportioned to the different provinces."

This simply meant that Mr. Carvell moved for the grant of a straight subsidy for highways, pending the passage of the Highways Aid Bill, this subsidy to be divided amongst the Provinces exactly as though the Highways Aid Bill had passed.

The Chairman, Mr. Nickle, Conservative member for Kingston, ruled this out of order, on the ground that a resolution altering the proposed method of expenditure was out of order.

This was manifestly taking advantage of a technicality so as to prevent the voting of the money, with the partisan intent of telling the country that the Liberals had prevented the distribution of this \$1,500,000 throughout the country for the aid of highways.

Mr. Carvell at once appealed from the Chairman's decision; the Speaker was called in and a vote taken.

The Government members voted Mr. Carvell's proposition down by 42 to 21 on a straight party vote.

It is therefore plain that it was the Government, not the Opposition which prevented the distribution of this \$1,500,000 for aid in improving roads. The Opposition was

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English People Will Fight Gambling Evil

London, July 10.—The spread of gambling among the English people, both men and women, is causing serious and growing concern. No measures yet have been devised to stop the habit, which rapidly is becoming more and more of a menace. On all big races practically everybody, from the newsboy on the street to the peer in his motor, has something on his favorite horse, and even on the every-day race an immense amount in the aggregate is wagered.

Later it has been disclosed that women working in offices and restaurants in the city have become as inveterate gamblers as the men and boys. Nowadays both men and women, during the afternoon hours, are distracted from their work by their anxiety over the results of the races, and employees complain in vain.

The house of commons, with a view of curbing this increase in the betting habit, passed a law prohibiting commission agents from accepting money on a bet, but this was easily evaded by the agents carrying wages on a credit system, settling once a week. As the system works today any boy with a shilling to bet on a horse can go to almost any newspaper seller and get his money down. Another measure to overcome this condition was met by opposition from the workmen, who claimed for himself the same privileges and opportunities as the wealthy neighbor, who can wager as freely as he likes by either going to the track or telephoning his commission agent.

The complaint is made also that gambling is spoiling golf. At most of the big clubs today members will not play unless assured of a good side bet on the result. It started with half a dollar a round, but at some clubs a game is seldom played for less than \$25, \$50 or even \$100 a round. The professional too, who gets his fee for taking a novice around now wants a wager on the result. Even if he gives the novice all he deserves, the professional generally can win.

New Species of Wild Duck

Calgary, Alberta:

A brand new species of wild duck, brilliantly colored, which carries its young on its back, and the young of which are regularly fed by the male bird while the female bird is sitting on a second setting of eggs, has been found near Lacombe and is being watched and studied by those interested in natural history in that section of the province. The birds were first found on a slough adjoining the road allowance near my farm," said Senator Talbot yesterday, in discussing his find "and they have attracted a great deal of attention. The male bird at the present time takes care of the young, while the female bird is sitting on more eggs, and although many people have been near the nest and the young ones, the birds do not appear to be the least bit frightened. The male bird is apparently able to form its body and wings into a kind of

ride around on the back of the parents in this fashion. Even when the parent bird goes under a wire fence across the slough and the young ones are scraped off, they always manage to scramble back on to the backs of their parents, and as far as we have been able to see, make no effort to shift for themselves, the male bird feeding them constantly."

The color of the new species of duck is also remarkable, according to those who have been watching them. Except for a dark streak running from the bill back across the head, the head is pure white, while the eye is big and of a bright red color. The neck and throats of the birds are bronze in color, while the back is a light gray. "No one in the vicinity has ever seen ducks of that kind before," said Senator Talbot, "and although we have made inquiries all over the province, we cannot find that this particular species has ever invaded the province before."

Teaches Burglary as a Profession

New York, July 9.—Isidore Rader, professor of burglary, made a confession this afternoon to Judge Swann. In the back of a pool room on the lower East Side, Rader said, for some years he has held classes in stealing. His pupils and alumni, of whom he mentions many by name, have stolen half a million dollars' worth of horses and merchandise, he estimates. Also, he says, they paid central office detectives, plain clothes men and uniformed police, thousands of dollars to avoid arrest.

A dozen or more burglars have told the police from time to time of Rader's school, but somehow he eluded arrest and kept on teaching his trade. They got him when a favorite pupil "squealed." This afternoon he sent word to Judge Swann that he wanted to confess.

Seven closely written type-written pages, locked in the Judge's desk, contained what he said. Rader declared, with names and dates, that he paid men in the police department to let him remain free.

One time Rader said he paid only \$150 to avoid arrest when caught stealing a truck load of merchandise worth \$10,000. The only time he was "stung," he said, was when a detective refused to divide a \$500 reward received for recovering stolen goods. Rader says he stole the goods and not being able to sell them handed them over to the detective to claim the reward.

Miraculous Escape from Death

Moose Jaw, Sask., July 9.—From Hart, in the south country, comes word of the miraculous escape from death of Mrs. Neo St. Julien, wife of a home-steeder. She was lying on a sofa when the house was struck by lightning, tearing the sofa away. The sofa on which she was lying caught fire and she was rendered unconscious by the shock, and was in a critical condition for some hours. The house caught fire and was saved with difficulty by several farmers, who chanced to be there.

Registered Mail Is Stolen

Medicine Hat, Alta., July 7.—J. S. (Jack) Pope, one of the best known railway mail clerks in Western Canada and chief of the clerks of the Hat and Crow's Nest division, was today sent up for trial at the supreme court session, due to sit here in October, for the theft of \$1,345 worth of registered mail.

Detective Campbell, of the local force, who made the arrest, said that he and Special Postal Officer T. Humphries had visited Pope's room and found a package of missing letters and missing clothing alleged to have been stolen. In another room at the Royal Hotel they found \$462 in cash and checks in clothing of his, and in a grip of Pope's were discovered a number of registered letter envelopes and a large number of checks allegedly stolen from the mails.

Pope, according to the officers, said that leaving Cranbrook one night he was drunk and dozy and did not know what he was doing. He said that he had spent the balance of the money.

Regina, July 7.—The local police and postal authorities are at present at work investigating the mysterious disappearance of four packages of money from the post office. It is believed to have been taken while the mails were changing trains at Regina. Inspector McNaughton, of Moose Jaw, who is conducting the investigation, has refused to give any definite information and the exact amount of money in the parcels is not known. It is believed, however, that it will run well up into the thousands. The affair has created a great deal of excitement in the city, and further and more startling developments are expected within a few days.

Edmonton Posters Out

The poster which has been gotten out by the Edmonton Exhibition this year is quite original and decidedly artistic and attractive. The management have standardized this poster and used it for hanger on the outside cover of the prize list, also in the newspapers. It is the intention to use it on the catalogue which will be issued for the exhibition.

It must be seen in the rich coloring of the poster to be fully appreciated. In addition to its appearance the poster also conveys a message to the public on the progress and advancement which have been made in Western Canada. The illustrations of Glencorrick, the grand champion fat steer exhibited by J. D. McGregor, of Brandon, Man., at the International Fat Stock Show in Chicago last December, "Roastling of Old Basing," the champion dairy cow of the British Empire, owned by C. A. Julian Sharnam, of Red Deer, Alta., while the center piece, which really makes the poster, is a picture of Mr. Sharnam's young son "Broughton," seriously engaged with one of Roastling's offspring.

Wheel Comes Off Runaway Results

Wetaskiwin, July 9.—Mrs. C. W. S. Harkness and daughter had an exciting experience yesterday afternoon while driving to visit friends near Buffalo Lake. When a few miles east of the city a wheel came off the buggy which frightened the team and they ran away. Mrs. Harkness held on to the lines and was dragged considerable distance after being struck on the body by the axle and being run over by the wheel.

REASON No. 3

Why Lacombe?

LACOMBE will be the largest city between Calgary and Edmonton and between Saskatoon and Prince Rupert.

BECAUSE it is becoming the hub and centre of several great railway systems which radiate to every point of the compass and

BECAUSE it commands natural gas fields and immense Hydro - Electrical forces all ready for the harness, and

BECAUSE it lies in the lap of the most prolific and fertile soil capable of producing abundantly and cheaply the necessities of life.

IDEAL Shipping facilities, **CHEAP** power and **LOW** cost of living means greater advantages to the manufacturer. These are his ideal, and that **IDEAL** spells **LACOMBE**.

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The Holson Land Co.

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Five Days Good Races
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The daughter was unharmed, as she jumped before the horses started to run, while the mother received slight injuries. After running some distance the horses were captured and with the kindly help of friends they were enabled to return home little the worse for their experience.

The New Harness Shop

I have engaged an Up-to-Date HARNESS MAKER and am now prepared to furnish customers - new and old customers - with up-to-date harness and harness parts.

Repair Work will Receive Prompt Attention

We Solicit your Patronage

H. L. BROWN

One door west Massey-Harris Implement Warehouse

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A large stock of the very best of everything in the wholesale liquor line.

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A clean home-like House with home comforts

One minute walk from Depot
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\$1.25 per Day \$6 per Week

Mrs. J. TAYLOR, Prop.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulation

Any person who is the sole head of a family or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Subagency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$5.00 per acre.

Duties.—Must reside on the homestead or pre-empt six months in each of five years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$5.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$500.00.

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The Case of Mrs. Kirilin.
Circleville, Ohio.—"I can truthfully say that I never had anything do me much good during Change of Life as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Before I had taken half a bottle of it I felt so much better, and I have continued taking it. My health is better than it has been for several years. All women would take it they would escape untold pain and misery at this time of life."—Mrs. ALICE KIRILIN, 358 W. Mill St., Circleville, Ohio.

The Change of Life is one of the most critical periods of a woman's existence. At such times women may rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

You gets no chance mit me, he answered. I don't want you; I haf me a girl already.

Sherlock Holmes glanced round the room. The pictures were torn to shreds—the chairs were broken—table lying on the top of the piano. A great splash of blood was on carpet.

Someone has been here, he commented with wonderful insight.

Floods and Optimism

Orville Wright, discussing the floods in Dayton, took an optimistic view. Optimists or pessimists—it's all the viewpoint, he declared.

A pessimist grows over the time

Judicial Ignorance

A strapping negro woman was up before an Austin justice, charged with unmercifully beating her boy, a sadie-colored imp.

"I don't understand how you can have the heart to treat your own child so cruelly."

Judge, has you ever been a mother of a wufies yaller boy like dat?

"No, no, no, never!" ejaculated the judge, with great vehemence, getting red in the face.

"Den don't talk; you don't know nuffin about this case."

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Mae was swinging Charlie aged 14 when he was about four feet from the

Now, if the warden to the foregoes
who had just arrived at the prison,
we'll set you to work. What can you
do best?

Well, if you'll give me a week's
practice on your signature, I'll sign
your official papers for you, said the
prisoner. But there were reasons
why the warden refused to do this.

Old Gotrox (savagely)—So you
want to marry my daughter, do you?
Do you think two can live as cheaply as
one?

Young Softly (slightly embarrassed)—
I—I hardly think you will notice
any difference, sir.

Character, as well as success in life, depends very largely on the condition of the health. - You cannot imagine a sufferer from indigestion

No one can develop good character and ability with nervous headache, indigestion and the depressing effect of an exhausted nervous system. There

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is not a "quick cure," no sedatives to lull the patient in the delusion that his pains are disappearing, no narcotic or injurious stimulants to exhilarate him temporarily at the future expense of health.

This food cure positively forms new, rich blood and builds up in the most natural way the starved and worn-out nerves.

Nerve Food

Wm. Edwards, Jr., of Edmondson, Bates & Co., Ltd.

THE LEADING STORE

15 DAYS CLEARING SALE 15 DAYS

The first week of our Big Clearing Sale has been a huge success and to beat last week's record we offer Greater Bargains than ever

More Bargains in Ladies Whitewear

All our stock of Ladies White Wear, we are clearing at big reductions.

Ladies Hose

25 doz. Lisle Hose, perfectly fast black, regular 25c a pair, now

15cts.

Ladies' Collars and Belts at less than Cost

25 per cent off Silk Waists



Composed of the very newest

styles in

Navy, Black,

Brown, Tan,

Saxe and Green,

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and Natural

Pongee Silk

Ladies Dresses Greatly Reduced

A Large

Assortment of

Ladies'

Beautiful

White Dresses

and

Smartly made

House Dresses

Clearing

Less 25 per cent



More Bargains in Staple Dry Goods

500 yds Blue and White Shirting, regular 15c, clearing at

10cts.

Heavy unbleached Table Linen, regular 40cts, clearing at

25cts

Crash Toweling, regular 10c a yard, clearing at

5cts

Turkish Towels, regular 35cts, clearing at

20cts

Everything in Store at Big Reductions whether advertised or not --- Sale closes Saturday, July 19th, so get busy and reap the Bargains while they last

A. M. Campbell, Lacombe, Alta.

THE MERCHANTS BANK

OF CANADA

One of the Oldest Banks in Canada

Capital and Reserve funds over \$13,500,000

195 branches in Canada. Savings Bank department at each branch.

Interest paid at highest current rates. One Dollar opens an account.

LACOMBE BRANCH

A. BELCHER, Mgr.

LACOMBE, ALTA.

Local Jottings

J. B. Taylor, of Edmonton, was an over Sunday visitor at J. W. Fortune's.

The concrete work for the basement of C. B. Denike's new block is now being put in.

The best ice cream, soft drinks and fruits in season at the Lacombe Candy Kitchen.

The Orangemen attended church service in a body last Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

The C.P.R. is having the grounds adjacent to the station building here plowed and prepared for a station park.

The Boode block on Nanton street is being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible and when finished will be an ornament to the street.

U.F.A. members, with their families, are holding a big picnic at Gull Lake today. All the associations of the district have combined to make this a memorable occasion.

Miss Nora Drader, formerly of Lacombe, visited her brother, A. E. Drader, west of town, last week. She was on her way to Edmonton to take the summer course for teachers at the provincial university.

Postmaster Barris has received the following notice from the department at Ottawa: "Postmasters are strictly warned against allowing notices other than post office notices being exhibited in the lobby of their office."

Mrs. J. Taylor, the former lessee of the Arlington House has opened a most desirable boarding house in the large residence previously occupied by J. Hayden, east of the track, and opposite the Massey Harris warehouse. Mrs. Taylor is an adept in the culinary art; she is a thorough house manager and the years of experience she has had as hotel manager is now being put to good account in the wall papering, kalsomining, painting, and purchasing of new carpets and new furniture as the whole house is being completely refurnished with new furniture purchased from Lacombe's department store.

Are You an Honest Jeweler?

A Customer said the other day—

I want my watch repaired but have often heard of jewels being taken out of watches.

Well, I answered, no watchmaker would think of taking a jewel out of a watch any more than a blacksmith would take a spoke out of a wagon.

A new jewel or a new spoke costs you a dollar and both would take as much work to take out as put in almost.

Jewels are useful in the watch to make it run easy, not valuable as gems.

JOHN BULGER

Jeweler

Phone 55

Lacombe

THE FAMOUS PLYMOUTH TWINE

Going with the rest of the snaps at the Leading Store during the 15 Days' Sale

550 ft. to the Ball, per lb. 11½c.
600 ft. to the Ball, per lb. 12½c.



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For Sale Exclusively

by Wilson & Mortimer

160 acres near Gull Lake and 16 miles from Ponoka, unimproved. Price \$1670, cash.

160 acres 1 mile from Forshaw, all fenced, well and creek, 20 acres cultivated, good house, small stable. Price \$2,300. Terms \$600 cash and balance arranged.

Small house and 4 lots in Lacombe for sale or trade.

Cottages and lots for sale at Manitowish Beach, Gull Lake; good terms.

Small cottage, lot with good sandy beach at Brownlow's Landing, Gull Lake, price \$625. Terms.

Half Insurance from 5 per cent

Fire, Life, Accident, Sickness, Live Stock and Hail Insurance

We represent the Northern Trust, Royal Trust and Standard Trust Companies.

We have Thoroughbred Horses to exchange for farm land.

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Phone 123 Street 1001 Lacombe, Alberta

WE'LL FIT AND PLEASE YOU

If you buy **STYLE-CRAFT** Clothing, making reductions on Summer Suits, see them.

Few Spring and Fall Overcoats were \$22.50 for \$18.00

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